

We are providing a Microsoft Word version of the revised draft Model State Plan (MSP) for CSBG state agencies to use for planning and development of their FY 2016 State plan. While OMB may require further adjustments to the MSP after they have finalized their review (currently undergoing), this document is the final clearance version.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Model State Plan 2018 (2 year)

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Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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SECTION 1

CSBG Lead Agency, CSBG Authorized Official, CSBG Point of Contact, and Official State Designation Letter

1.1. Provide the following information in relation to the lead agency designated to administer CSBG in the State, as required by Section 676(a) of the CSBG Act. The following information should mirror the information provided on the Application for Federal Assistance, SF-424M.

1.1a. Lead agency [Narrative, 2500 Characters]

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter has designated the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (the Department) to act as the lead agency to conduct state activities under this subtitle.

The Director of the Department is Mr. Russell S. Barron.

The Administrator of Welfare is Ms. Julie Hammon.

The Program Manager of CSBG is Ms. Dawn Boyce.

1.1b. Cabinet or administrative department of this lead agency [Check one option and narrative where applicable]

- ☐ Community Services Department
- ☐ Human Services Department
- ☐ Social Services Department
- ☐ Governor's Office
- ☐ Community Affairs Department
- ☒ Other, describe: **Department of Health and Welfare**

1.1c. Division, bureau, or office of the CSBG authorized official [Narrative, 2500 Characters]

The CSBG Authorized Official is within the Division of Welfare.

1.1d. Authorized official of the lead agency [Narrative, 2500 Characters]

Instructional note: The authorized official could be the director, secretary, Commissioner etc. as assigned in the designation letter (attached under item 1.3). The Authorized official is the person indicated as authorized representative on the SF-424M.

The CSBG Authorized Official is the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Mr. Russell S. Barron.

1.1e. Street Address **450 West State Street, 2nd Floor, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0036**

1.1f. City **Boise**

1.1g. State **ID**

1.1h. Zip **83720**

1.1i. Telephone Number and Extension **(208) 334-5782**

1.1j. Fax Number **(208) 334-5817**

1.1k. Email Address **Dawn.Boyce@dhw.idaho.gov**

1.1l. Lead Agency Website **<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov>**

1.2. Provide the following information in relation to the designated State CSBG point of contact.

Instructional Note: The State CSBG point of contact should be the person that will be the main point of contact for CSBG within the State.

1.2 a. Agency name [Narrative, 2500 characters] **Idaho Department of Health and Welfare**

1.2b. Name of point of contact [Narrative, 2500 characters] **Ms. Dawn Boyce**

1.2c. Street address **450 West State Street, 2nd Floor**

1.2d. City **Boise**

1.2e. State **ID**

1.2f. Zip **83720**

1.2g. Telephone Number **(208) 334-5782**

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1.2j. Point of contact Website **<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov>**

Designation Letter: Attach the State's official CSBG designation letter. If either the governor or designated agency has changed, update the letter accordingly. **[Attachment #1]**

Instructional Note: The letter should be from the chief executive officer of the State and include, at minimum, the designated State CSBG lead agency and title of the authorized official of the lead agency who is to administer the CSBG grant award.

SECTION 2

State Legislation and Regulation

2.1. CSBG State Legislation: Does the State have a statute authorizing CSBG?

☒ Yes ☐ No

2.2. CSBG State Regulation: Does the State have regulations for CSBG?

☒ Yes ☐ No

2.3. If yes was selected in item 2.1 or 2.2, attach a copy (or copies) of legislation and/or regulations or provide a hyperlink(s), as appropriate. **[Attach a document and/or provide a link]**

Links to Idaho CSBG authorizing statute:

<http://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title56/T56CH2/SECT56-202/>

<http://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title56/T56CH2/SECT56-203/>

Link to Rules governing the Idaho CSBG Program:

<http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/16/0410.pdf>

2.4. State Authority: Select a response for each question about the State statute and/or regulations authorizing CSBG:

2.4a. Did the State legislature enact authorizing legislation, or amendments to an existing authorizing statute, last year?

Yes No XX

2.4b. Did the State establish or amend regulations for CSBG last year?

Yes No XX

2.4c. Does the State statutory or regulatory authority designate the bureau, division, or office in the State government that is to be the State administering agency?

☒ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 3

State Plan Development and Statewide Goals

- 3.1. CSBG Lead Agency Mission and Responsibilities:** Briefly describe the mission and responsibilities of the State agency that serves as the CSBG lead agency. **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (Department) Mission Statement is “To promote and protect the health and safety of Idahoans.”

The goals and objectives of the Department are to:

- Improve the health status of Idahoans;
- Increase the safety and self-sufficiency of individuals and families; and
- Enhance the delivery of health and human services.

The Department’s responsibilities are defined in Sections 56-202 and 56-203 of Idaho Code, which authorize the Department to enter into contracts with the federal government to carry out the purposes of the Community Services Block Grant Act, 42 USC 9901, *et seq* (the Act).

It is the responsibility of the Department to ensure all applicable federal requirements are met and the administrative requirements of CSBG are clear and uniform. The Department retains all authority in the administration and implementation of CSBG.

- 3.2. State Plan Goals:** Describe the State’s CSBG-specific goals for State administration of CSBG under this State Plan. **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

Instructional Note: For examples of “goals,” see State Accountability Measure 1Sa(i).

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 1Sa(i) and may pre-populate the State’s annual report form.

The overarching purpose of the Department’s CSBG Program is to: provide assistance to low-income Idahoans through a network of community action agencies and other community based organizations; reduce poverty; revitalize low-income communities; and empower low-income individuals and families to achieve stability and engage in their community.

The Department believes the Idaho CSBG Program priorities should be established through locally driven community needs assessments and community planning efforts. To assist eligible entities in delivering these services and maximizing CSBG impact, the Department will pass through no less than 90% of Idaho’s CSBG allocation to the CSBG eligible entities.

All CSBG funded eligible entity programs will be managed to meet the six national ROMA Goals:

1. Low-income people become more self-sufficient.
2. The conditions in which low-income people live are improved.
3. Low-income people own a stake in their community.
4. Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved.
5. Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results.
6. Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive systems.

Also, to ensure accountability among the seven geographical service regions for the state, Idaho has implemented 100% of the Organizational Standards.

In order to facilitate service delivery and coordinate with other services, the Department is electing to use up to 5% of Idaho's CSBG allocation for discretionary funding to support the following priorities:

1. Statewide community action intake system (database).
2. Idaho/Washington/Oregon Regional Theory of Change ("Clarity, Impact, and Performance Project") – now known as The Futures Project.

No more than 5% of Idaho's CSBG allocation will be spent on administration.

3.3. State Plan Development: Indicate the information and input what the State accessed to develop this State Plan.

3.3a. Analysis of [Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]

- ☒ State Performance Indicators and/or National Performance Indicators (NPIs)
- ☒ U.S. Census data
- ☒ State performance management data (e.g., accountability measures, ACSI survey information, and/or other information from annual reports)
- ☐ Other data (describe) **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**
- ☒ Eligible entity community needs assessments
- ☒ Eligible entity plans
- ☐ Other information from eligible entities, e.g., State required reports (describe) **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

3.3b. Consultation with [Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]

☒ Eligible entities (e.g., meetings, conferences, webinars; not including the public hearing)

☒ State community action association and regional CSBG T & TA providers

☐ State partners and/or stakeholders (describe) **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

☐ National organizations (describe) **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

☐ Federal Office of Community Services

☐ Other (describe) **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

3.4. Eligible Entity Involvement

3.4a. Describe the specific steps the State took in developing the State Plan to involve the eligible entities. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 1Sa(ii) and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

The Department has historically involved eligible entities in the development of the CSBG State Plan. The following steps were taken to develop the 2018 and 2019 CSBG State Plan:

- 1. In May 2017, the Department convened a meeting of the eligible entities and CAPAI (state association) to discuss plan development. The draft model State Plan was presented and discussed.**
- 2. The Department considered eligible entities' CAP Plans and Community Needs Assessments Plans and finalized the draft model State Plan.**
- 3. The Draft State Plan was sent to the eligible entities for consideration.**
- 4. The Department provided a 10-day public comment period and held a public hearing on the State Plan; eligible entities' participation is encouraged.**
- 5. Following collection of comments from the eligible entities, the public comment process, and the public hearing, the Department finalized and submitted the State Plan to OCS.**

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question. THIS WILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT THIS YEAR.

3.4b. Performance Management Adjustment: How has the State adjusted State Plan development procedures under this State Plan, as compared to past plans, in order

- 1) to encourage eligible entity participation and

2) to ensure the State Plan reflects input from eligible entities?

Any adjustment should be based on the State's analysis of past performance in these areas, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail.

[Narrative, 2500 Characters]

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 15b(i) and (ii) and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

The Department utilized the ACSI survey results to improve communication related to the State Plan development process by creating a flowchart which shows the activities of each entity (Department, state association and eligible entities) and includes timeframes for planning purposes. The Department also provided the draft model State Plan in advance of the May 2017 meeting to encourage eligible entities to review the plan prior to the meeting.

The Model State Plan Input flowchart is attached.

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3.5. Eligible Entity Overall Satisfaction: Provide the State's target for eligible entity Overall Satisfaction during the performance period: **59. [Numerical, 3 digits]**

Instructional Note: The State's target score will indicate improvement or maintenance of the States' Overall Satisfaction score from the most recent American Customer Survey Index (ACSI) survey of the State's eligible entities. (See information about the ACSI in the CSBG State Accountability Measures document.)

Note: Item 3.5 is associated with State Accountability Measure 8S and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

SECTION 4

CSBG Hearing Requirements

- 4.1. Public Inspection:** Describe how the State made this State Plan, or revision(s) to the State Plan, available for public inspection, as required under Section 676(e)(2) of the Act. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

The Department published a legal notice statewide announcing the public comment period for the draft State Plan and the public hearing date. The draft State Plan was made available on the Department's website, and a hard copy of the draft State Plan was available at the Department's office and upon request. A link to the draft State Plan was emailed to the state association and the eligible entities, with a request to distribute to any community partners or other interested parties.

- 4.2. Public Notice/Hearing:** Describe how the State ensured there was sufficient time and statewide distribution of notice of the public hearing(s) to allow the public to comment on the State Plan, as required under 676(a)(2)(B) of the CSBG Act. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

The Department allowed 10 days for public comment. Public comments were accepted by mail, email, or in person at the Department's office. Comments were also accepted at the public hearing, as were the statements of any interested parties who attended.

- 4.3. Public and Legislative Hearings:** Specify the date(s) and location(s) of the public and legislative hearing(s) held by the designated lead agency for this State Plan, as required under Section 676(a)(2)(B) and Section 676(a)(3) of the Act. (If the State has not held a public hearing in the prior fiscal year and/or a legislative hearing in the last three years, provide further detail).

Instructional Note: The date(s) for the public hearing(s) must have occurred in the year prior to the first Federal fiscal year covered by this plan. Legislative hearings are held at least every three years, and must have occurred within the last three years prior to the first Federal fiscal year covered by this plan.

Date	Location	Type of Hearing [Select an option]
7/27/2017	450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho, 83720	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public
01/20/2015	Idaho State Capitol Building, Room C310	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative
ADD a ROW function Note: rows will be able to be added for each additional hearing		

- 4.4.** Attach supporting documentation or a hyperlink for the public and legislative hearings. **[Attach a document or provide a hyperlink.]**

This version of the MSP is currently under review by OMB, which may result in additional edits.

The Department plans to hold the public hearing July 27, 2017 from 9-11 am. The State will upload the hearing announcement, sign-in sheet, and other public hearing documents in OLDC.

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SECTION 5

CSBG Eligible Entities

- 5.1. CSBG Eligible Entities:** In the table below, list each eligible entity in the State, and indicate public or private, the type(s) of entity, and the geographical area served by the entity. (This table should include every CSBG Eligible Entity to which the State Plans to allocate 90 percent funds, as indicated in the table in item 7.2. Do not include entities that only receive remainder/discretionary funds from the State or tribes/tribal organizations that receive direct funding from OCS under Section 677 of the CSBG Act.)

CSBG Eligible Entity	Public or Nonprofit	Type of Entity (choose all that apply)	Geographical Area Served by county (Provide all counties)	Brief Description of "Other"
Community Action Partnership	Nonprofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA 	Idaho's ten most Northern counties: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, and Shoshone.	[Narrative, 2500 characters] If "Other" is selected in column 3, provide further detail here
Western Idaho Community Action Partnership	Nonprofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA 	Idaho's seven Western counties: Adams, Boise, Gem, Canyon, Payette, Valley and Washington.	
El-Ada Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Nonprofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA 	Idaho's three Southwestern counties: Ada, Elmore, and Owyhee.	
South Central Community Action Partnership	Nonprofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA 	Idaho's eight South central counties: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls.	
SouthEastern Idaho Community Action Agency	Nonprofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA 	Idaho's seven Southeastern counties: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power.	
Eastern Idaho	Nonprofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA 	Idaho nine	

CSBG Eligible Entity	Public or Nonprofit	Type of Entity (choose all that apply)	Geographical Area Served by county (Provide all counties)	Brief Description of "Other"
Community Action Partnership			Eastern Counties: Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, and Teton.	
Community Council of Idaho	Nonprofit	Migrant or Seasonal Farmworker Organization	Serving all of Idaho's migrant and seasonal farm workers. Primary emphasis is on Idaho's Southern counties.	
ADD A ROW function Note: rows will be able to be added for each eligible entity funded in the State				

5.2. Total number of CSBG eligible entities: 7 [This will automatically update based on chart in 5.1]

5.3. **Changes to Eligible Entities List:** Has the list of eligible entities under item 5.1 changed since the State's last State Plan submission? If yes, briefly describe the changes. ☐ Yes ☒ No
[If yes is selected – Narrative, 2500 characters]

Instructional Note: Limited Purpose Agency refers to an eligible entity that was designated as a limited purpose agency under title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 for fiscal year 1981, that served the general purposes of a community action agency under title II of the Economic Opportunity Act, that did not lose its designation as a limited purpose agency under title II of the Economic Opportunity Act as a result of failure to comply with that Act and that has not lost its designation as an eligible entity under the CSBG Act.

Instructional Note: 90 percent funds are the funds a State provides to eligible entities to carry out the purposes of the CSBG Act, as described under Section 675C of the CSBG Act. A State must provide "no less than 90 percent" of their CSBG allocation, under Section 675B, to the eligible entities.

SECTION 6

Organizational Standards for Eligible Entities

Note: Reference IM 138, *State Establishment of Organizational Standards for CSBG Eligible Entities*, for more information on Organizational Standards. Click [HERE](#) for IM 138.

- 6.1. Choice of Standards:** Check the box that applies. If using alternative standards, a) attach the complete list of alternative organizational standards, b) describe the reasons for using alternative standards, and c) describe how the standards are at least as rigorous as the COE-developed standards.
- ☒ The State will use the CSBG Organizational Standards Center of Excellence (COE) organizational standards (as described in IM 138)
- ☐ The State will use an alternative set of organizational standards **[Attach supporting documentation if this option is selected]**
- 6.2.** If the State is using the COE-developed organizational standards, does the State propose making a minor modification to the standards, as described in IM 138?
- ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 6.2a.** If yes was selected in item 6.2, describe the State's proposed minor modification to the COE-developed organizational standards, and provide a rationale. **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**
- 6.3.** How will/has the State officially adopt(ed) organizational standards for eligible entities in the State in a manner consistent with the State's administrative procedures act? If "Other" is selected, provide a timeline and additional information, as necessary. **[Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]**
- ☐ Regulation
- ☐ Policy
- ☒ Contracts with eligible entities
- ☐ Other, describe: **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**
- 6.4.** How will the State assess eligible entities against organizational standards, as described in IM 138? **[Check all that applies]**
- ☐ Peer-to-peer review (with validation by the State or State-authorized third party)
- ☒ Self-assessment (with validation by the State or State-authorized third party)
- ☐ Self-assessment/peer review with State risk analysis
- ☐ State-authorized third party validation
- ☐ Regular, on-site CSBG monitoring
- ☒ Other

6.4a. Describe the assessment process. [Narrative, 2500 characters]

Idaho has continued administering the COE Developed CSBG Organization Standards Self-Assessment Tool for eligible entities. The process was modified to make it Idaho specific. Results of the self-assessment are validated by the Department.

Self-assessments are due annually by the last day of February. The self-assessments are used to establish a baseline snapshot of Idaho's eligible entities' progress for meeting the CSBG Organizational Standards and to determine any technical assistance plans necessary to ensure success for all entities moving forward.

During the validation process, if the Department determines that an eligible entity is not meeting a standard or set of standards, appropriate steps will be developed to ensure the standard is met within reasonable timeframes. Dependent on individual circumstances a variety of approaches could be implemented, including, but not limited to: on-line technical assistance, targeted technical assistance, peer review to share best practices, and/or a technical assistance plan that outlines a timeframe for the entity to meet the standards.

6.5. Will the State make exceptions in applying the organizational standards for any eligible entities due to special circumstances or organizational characteristics, as described in IM 138?

☐ Yes ☒ No

6.5a. If yes was selected in item 6.5, list the specific eligible entities the State will exempt from meeting organizational standards, and provide a description and a justification for each exemption. [Narrative, 2500 characters or attach document]

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question. THIS WILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT THIS YEAR.

6.6. Performance Target: What percentage of eligible entities in the State does the State expect will meet all the State-adopted organizational standards in the next year? 100% [Insert a percentage]

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 6Sa and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

SECTION 7

State Use of Funds

Eligible Entity Allocation (90 Percent Funds) [Section 675C(a) of the CSBG Act]

7.1 Formula: Select the method (formula) that best describes the current practice for allocating CSBG funds to eligible entities. **[Check one and narrative where applicable]**

- ☐ Historic
- ☒ Base + Formula
- ☐ Formula Alone
- ☐ Formula with Variables
- ☐ Hold Harmless + Formula
- ☐ Other **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

7.1a. Does the State statutory or regulatory authority specify the terms or formula for allocating the 90 percent funds among eligible entities?

☒ Yes ☐ No

7.2. Planned Allocation: Specify the planned allocation of 90 percent funds to eligible entities, as described under Section 675C(a) of the CSBG Act. The estimated allocations may be in dollars or percentages. For each eligible entity receiving funds, provide the Funding Amount in either dollars (columns 2 and 4) or percentage (columns 3 and 5) for the fiscal years covered by this plan.

Planned CSBG 90 Percent Funds				
CSBG Eligible Entity	Year One		Year Two	
	Funding Amount \$	Funding Amount %	Funding Amount \$	Funding Amount %
Will be auto-populated from Section 5, Table 5.1, Column 1	Enter either the dollar amount or percentage for each eligible entity for the first year that this plan covers		Enter either the dollar amount or percentage for each eligible entity for the second year that this plan covers (If this is a one-year plan, these columns can be left blank)	
Community Action Partnership	22.86% (\$617,220)		22.86% (\$617,220)	
Western Idaho Community Action Partnership	16.39% (\$442,530)		16.39% (\$442,530)	

Planned CSBG 90 Percent Funds		
El-Ada Community Action Partnership, Inc.	16.90% (\$456,300)	16.90% (\$456,300)
South Central Community Action Partnership	12.06% (\$325,620)	12.06% (\$325,620)
SouthEastern Idaho Community Action Partnership	11.55% (\$311,850)	11.55% (\$311,850)
Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership	13.24% (\$357,480)	13.24% (\$357,480)
Community Council of Idaho	7.00% (\$189,000)	7.00% (\$189,000)
Total	Totals will be auto-populated	Totals will be auto-populated

- 7.3. Distribution Process:** Describe the specific steps in the State's process for distributing 90 percent funds to the eligible entities and include the number of days each step is expected to take; include information about State legislative approval or other types of administrative approval (such as approval by a board or commission). **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

CSBG funding is distributed to eligible entities through a pass through contract with the state association. Contracts are updated to be in effect by the first of the federal fiscal year (October 1). The Department front-loads contracts with an estimated amount of funding, and releases spending authority memos notifying entities of the amount of funds currently available based on federal funding award allocations. Release of fund notifications are sent within 10 business days of the release of the federal award allocation. When necessary, contracts will be updated within 30 days of receiving additional federal award allocations.

7.4. Distribution Timeframe: Does the State Plan to make funds available to eligible entities no later than 30 calendar days after OCS distributes the Federal award?

☒ Yes ☐ No

7.4a. If no, describe State procedures to ensure funds are made available to eligible entities consistently and without interruption. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: Item 7.4 is associated with State Accountability Measure 2Sa and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question. THIS WILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT THIS YEAR.

7.5. Performance Management Adjustment: How is the State improving grant and/or contract administration procedures under this State Plan as compared to past plans? Any improvements should be based on analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any improvements, provide further detail. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

The Department has implemented processes to improve grant/contract administration procedures. Idaho has considered feedback from CSBG eligible entities, OCS, public hearings, and other sources and/or the ACSI survey. The Department is invested in implementing the guidance provided from OCS via IM #150 use of the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). Following receipt of the ACSI survey results in 2016 the Department and the state association coordinated review of the survey results and the information was shared with eligible entities. In collaboration with the network several activities have resulted in enhancing the existing partnership and furthering the opportunity for planning improvement strategies. The following actions were taken as a result of receiving the feedback: in-person quarterly training and technical assistance meetings were scheduled. This was a transition from a mix of remote support and scheduled in-person support having been provided. In-person database support was identified as valuable in that it provides the agencies opportunity to demonstrate their concerns to the trainer in real time at their computer versus trying to bridge the gap when communicating the concern over the phone. The Department continues to provide state association and the eligible entities routine email updates respective to OCS funding announcements and remains committed to ensuring transparency regarding administrative procedures. The Department also continues to provide the network with consistent, useful and clear monitoring reports focused on enhancing program integrity. The Department and state association recognized survey results identified "Linkages and Communication" efforts requiring improvement. The Department and state association created a communication flow chart providing a high level overview of the State Plan timeline, comment and public hearing process and exchanged this tool with the local

agencies. Local agency CSBG managers meet via webinar monthly. The Department has joined as a participant in these discussions, which has benefited Idaho's CSBG programming by assisting to enhance program alignment. Additionally, the Department, the state association and the Executive Directors of the local agencies meet quarterly to communicate planning and programmatic strategies.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 2Sb and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

Administrative Funds [Section 675C(b)(2) of the CSBG Act]

- 7.6. What amount of State CSBG funds does the State Plan to allocate for administrative activities, under this State Plan? The estimate may be in dollars or a percentage. **[Numeric response, specify \$ or %]**

5%

- 7.7. How many State staff positions will be funded in whole or in part with CSBG funds under this State Plan? **[Insert a number between 0 – 99]**

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- 7.8. How many State Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) will be funded with CSBG funds under this State Plan? **[Insert a number between 0 – 99]**

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Remainder/Discretionary Funds [Section 675C(b) of the CSBG Act]

- 7.9. Does the State have remainder/discretionary funds?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes was selected, describe how the State Plans to use remainder/discretionary funds in the table below.

Note: This response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.2.

Instructional Note: For each allowable use of remainder funds in the table below (rows a through h), enter the State's planned level of funding, if any, either in dollars or percentage, and provide a brief description. Activities funded under row a, training and technical assistance, do not require a description, as that is provided under Section 8 of this State plan. Activities funded under rows b and c, are described under section 9, State Linkages and Communication, but a State may enter additional information in this table as well. The State must describe "innovative programs/activities by eligible entities or other neighborhood groups," under row f, even if the State does not allocate discretionary funds to this activity. This activity required by section 676(b)(2) of the CSBG Act, assurance 14.2. If a funded

activity fits under more than one category in the table, allocate the funds among the categories. For example, if the State provides funds under a contract with the State Community Action association to provide training and technical assistance to eligible entities and to create a statewide database, the funds for that contract should be allocated appropriately between row a and row c. If allocation is not possible, the State may allocate the funds to the main category with which the activity is associated.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sa; the responses may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds					
Remainder/ Discretionary Fund Uses (See 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act)	Year One		Year Two		Brief description of services/activities
	Planned \$	Planned %	Planned \$	Planned %	
a. Training/technical assistance to Eligible Entities					[Not Fillable] These planned services/activities will be described in State Plan item 8.1
b. Coordination of State-operated programs and/or local programs					[Optional Narrative, 2500 characters]
c. Statewide coordination and communication among Eligible Entities					[Optional Narrative, 2500 characters]
d. Analysis of distribution of CSBG funds to determine if targeting greatest need					[Narrative, 2500 characters]
e. Asset-building programs					[Narrative, 2500 characters]

Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds					
Remainder/ Discretionary Fund Uses (See 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act)	Year One		Year Two		Brief description of services/activities
	Planned \$	Planned %	Planned \$	Planned %	
f. Innovative programs/ activities by Eligible Entities or other neighborhood groups	\$130,000	100%	\$130,000	100%	The Department has elected to use the allocation to support a statewide database and the Idaho/Washington Oregon Theory of Change (“The Futures Project”). The statewide database is utilized by all eligible entities in Idaho to collect data and generate reporting. This system provides the ability to track individual and family level information, demographic information, utilization of program information, service/referral tracking, household financial information and program-specific information. This system allows Idaho to utilize a common intake process across programs, and to report on an organizational, county and statewide level. The Futures Project initiative focuses on equipping 53 Community Action agencies in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington to tell a collective story of how we are building a new future for people affected by poverty. The project advances the clarity, impact, and performance of our work to strengthen communities and prepare people to exit poverty.
g. State charity tax credits					[Narrative, 2500 characters]

Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds					
Remainder/ Discretionary Fund Uses (See 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act)	Year One		Year Two		Brief description of services/activities
	Planned \$	Planned %	Planned \$	Planned %	
h. Other activities, specify under Brief description of services/activities					[Narrative, 2500 characters]
Totals	Auto- Calculated	Auto- Calculated	Auto- Calculated	Auto- Calculated	

7.10. What types of organizations, if any, does the State plan to work with (by grant or contract using remainder/discretionary funds) to carry out some or all of the activities in table 7.9. **[Check all that apply and narrative where applicable]**

☒ CSBG eligible entities (if checked, include the expected number of CSBG eligible entities to receive funds) **[Narrative, 2500 characters]** 7

Other community-based organizations

- ☒ State Community Action association
- ☐ Regional CSBG technical assistance provider(s)
- ☐ National technical assistance provider(s)
- ☐ Individual consultant(s)
- ☐ Tribes and Tribal Organizations
- ☐ Other **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**
- ☐ None (the State will carry out activities directly)

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.2.

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question. THIS WILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT THIS YEAR.

7.11. Performance Management Adjustment: How is the State adjusting the use of remainder/discretionary funds under this State Plan as compared to past plans? Any adjustment should be based on the State's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sb, and will pre-populate the State's annual report form.

The Department has discussed use of these funds with the state association and eligible entities and considered the value of the use of these funds as described in the table in Section 7.9. The Department believes the use of discretionary funds is appropriate and supports both statewide and regional data collection/reporting efforts.

SECTION 8

State Training and Technical Assistance

- 8.1.** Describe the State’s plan for delivering CSBG-funded training and technical assistance to eligible entities under this State Plan by completing the table below. Add a row for each activity: indicate the timeframe; whether it is training, technical assistance or both; and the topic. (CSBG funding used for this activity is referenced under item 7.9(a), Use of Remainder/Discretionary Funds.)

Note: 8.1 is associated with State Accountability Measure 3Sc and may pre-populate the State’s annual report form.

Under Topic – pick from the following:

Standards for eligible entities with unmet standards on TAPs and QIPS Fiscal
Governance/Tripartite Boards
Organizational Standards – General
Standards for eligible entities with unmet standards on TAPs and QIPS
Reporting
ROMA
Community Assessment
Strategic Planning
Monitoring
Communication
Technology
Other

Fiscal Year (FY) Quarter (Q) / Timeframe	Training, Technical Assistance, or Both	Topic	Brief Description of “Other”
FY1 - Q1	Both	Reporting	Uniform statewide data collection
All quarters	Both	Organizational Standards – General	
FY1 – Q3	Training	Strategic Planning	CSBG Mgr Training Toolkit
FY1 – Q4	Both	Reporting	Data Analysis
FY2 – Q1	Training	Governance/Tripartite Boards	Board
FY2 – Q2	Training	Strategic Planning	Fund Dev and Fundraising
FY2 – Q3	Training	Governance/Tripartite	Leadership Development

Fiscal Year (FY) Quarter (Q) / Timeframe	Training, Technical Assistance, or Both	Topic	Brief Description of "Other"
		Boards	
FY2 – Q4	Training	Other	Staff Development and Training
FY1 – Q2	Training	Governance/Tripartite Boards	Governance – Board
FY1 and FY2 - Q3	Both	Monitoring	Monitoring
FY1 and FY2 – Q4	Training	Communication	Communication
FY1 and FY2 – bi-monthly meetings	Both	Organizational Standards – General	Prepare for CSBG Annual Report updates and The Futures Project reporting
Ad hoc – multiple quarters	Training	ROMA	ROMA
Ad hoc – multiple quarters	Both	Reporting	CSBG & CaseWorthy reports
Ad hoc – multiple quarters	Both	Technology	CaseWorthy
FY1 – Q1	Training	Other	Fiscal
FY1 – Q2	Training	Other	Using IS Report to analyze data
FY2 – Q2	Training	Other	Return on investment
FY2 – Q3	Technical Assistance	Community Assessment	

8.1a. The planned budget for the training and technical assistance plan (as indicated in the Remainder/Discretionary Funds table in item 7.9): 0 [Prepopulated with the budget allocation for years one and two under 7.9a]

If this is the implementation year for organizational standards, skip question 8.2. THIS WILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT THIS YEAR.

8.2. Does the State have in place Technical Assistance Plans (TAPs) or Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs) for all eligible entities with unmet organizational standards, if appropriate? ✓ Yes ☐ No

Note: 8.2 is associated with State Accountability Measure 6Sb. QIPs are described in Section 678C(a)(4) of the CSBG Act. If the State, according to their corrective action procedures, does not plan to put a QIP in place for an eligible entity with one or more unmet organizational standards, the State should put a TAP in place to support the entity in meeting the standard(s).

Idaho currently has two TAPs in place for organizations who did not meet 100% of the Organizational Standards for the 2015 submission in order to support eligible entities in meeting the standard(s). Of the seven eligible entities in Idaho, six were on TAPs; four have completed all items on their TAPs and the supporting documentation was verified as acceptable by the Department. The Department provided written letters of completion once all TAP items were addressed by an eligible entity and

the documentation was verified. No eligible entities were placed on a QIP for the 2015 Organizational Standards submission.

Idaho is currently in the process of reviewing the 2016 Organizational Standards submission.

8.3. Indicate the types of organizations through which the State plans to provide training and/or technical assistance as described in item 8.1, and briefly describe their involvement? (Check all that apply.) **[Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]**

- ☐ CSBG eligible entities (if checked, provide the expected number of CSBG eligible entities to receive funds) **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**
- ☐ Other community-based organizations
- ☒ State Community Action association
- ☒ Regional CSBG technical assistance provider(s)
- ☐ National technical assistance provider(s)
- ☒ Individual consultant(s)
- ☐ Tribes and Tribal Organizations
- ☐ Other **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question.. THIS WILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT THIS YEAR.

8.4. Performance Management Adjustment: How is the State adjusting the training and technical assistance plan under this State Plan as compared to past plans? Any adjustment should be based on the State's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 3Sd and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

The Department is providing training to eligible entity Board members in relation to the Organizational Standards to further support eligible entity compliance with programmatic requirements. The Department routinely analyzes data and outcome measures in addition to collecting feedback from eligible entities in order to provide effective training and technical assistance.

SECTION 9

State Linkages and Communication

Note: This section describes activities that the State may support with CSBG remainder/discretionary funds, described under Section 675C(b)(1) of the CSBG Act. The State may indicate planned use of remainder/discretionary funds for linkage/communication activities in Section 7, State Use of Funds, items 7.9(b) and (c).

- 9.1. State Linkages and Coordination at the State Level:** Describe the linkages and coordination at the State level that the State Plans to create or maintain to ensure increased access to CSBG services to low-income people and communities under this State Plan and avoid duplication of services (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5)). Describe or attach additional information as needed. **[Check all that apply from the list below and provide a Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5. In addition, this item is associated with State Accountability Measure 7Sa and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

- ☒ State Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) office
- ☒ State Weatherization office
- ☒ State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) office
- ☒ State Head Start office
- ☒ State public health office
- ☒ State education department
- ☒ State Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) agency
- ☒ State budget office
- ☒ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ☒ State child welfare office
- ☐ State housing office
- ☐ Other

The Department houses the state TANF, SNAP, Child Care, LIHEAP, CSBG, TEFAP, Weatherization, and Child Support programs in the same unit that administers the state CSBG program, the Division of Welfare. The Division directly operates a coordinated statewide eligibility system (the Idaho Benefit Eligibility System, or IBES), which determines eligibility and provides direct benefits for SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, and Child Care services.

The Division of Welfare is located in the Department's central business office in Boise, Idaho. The Department's central business office also houses the State Public Health office, Head Start office, and Child Welfare office. The Department also maintains close communications with the Idaho Department of Education, the State Controller's Office, and the Idaho

Department of Labor (the lead agency for State WIOA implementation). The Department continually seeks out opportunities to collaborate on state-level initiatives, both within the Division and also outside the Division in close collaboration with other State Departments.

These linkages allow the Department to facilitate collaboration with CSBG eligible entities to coordinate access for a variety of services that are available to support CSBG families.

- 9.2. State Linkages and Coordination at the Local Level:** Describe the linkages and coordination at the local level that the State and eligible entities plan to create or maintain to ensure increased access to CSBG services to low-income people and communities and avoid duplication of services (as required by assurances under Sections 676(b)(B) and as required by assurance under Sections 675(b)(5) of the CSBG Act. Attach additional information as needed. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurances, items 14.5 and 14.6.

The Department participates on a variety of local and statewide networks and coalitions that address issues and provide resources to low-income families. Through participation in these groups, the Department builds relationships with community partners. For example, the Department is convening a group of stakeholders to assist with identifying food security issues impacting low-income families across the state. The state association is a participating member of the group and will be able to share outputs from this working group with the CSBG eligible entities to assure collaboration among community organizations serving local communities. In addition the Department works with a variety of partner state entities as identified in Section 9.1 of this plan. The Department is available to the eligible entities to facilitate linkages as requested.

9.3. Eligible Entity Linkages and Coordination

- 9.3a State Assurance of Eligible Entity Linkages and Coordination:** Describe how the State will assure that the eligible entities will coordinate and establish linkages to assure the effective delivery of and coordination of CSBG services to low-income people and communities and avoid duplication of services (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5)). Attach additional information as needed. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5.

Idaho's CSBG-eligible entities coordinate programs and form partnerships with other providers of services to eligible low-income individuals and families. These entities provide resources to help people out of poverty and assist the agencies in leveraging available community services. The list of these partners is always expanding; some of the partners include:

- AARP review against CAP plans

- American Red Cross
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boise State University
- Bonneville Interagency Council
- Boys and Girls Club
- Catholic Charities
- College of Southern Idaho
- College of Western Idaho
- Corpus Christi House
- County Government Indigent Services
- Eastern Idaho Technical College
- Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor
- Idaho Department of Transportation
- Idaho Housing and Finance Association
- Idaho Industrial Commission
- Idaho Legal Aid
- Idaho Office for Refugees
- Idaho State University
- Idaho Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Lewis-Clark State College
- Living Independent Network Council
- Local domestic violence agencies and shelters
- Local Human Needs Councils
- Local school districts
- Local senior centers
- Local thrift stores
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Salvation Army
- Society for Human Resource Management
- Southeastern Idaho Health Department
- Terry Reilly Health Services
- United Way
- University of Idaho Extension Nutrition Program
- Vets for Success
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Women's and Children's Alliance
- YMCA

The Department assures that CSBG eligible entities establish and maintain local linkages through annual assessments and monitoring activities, and encourages entities to share best practices in establishing linkages through opportunities such as statewide conferences and conference calls.

9.3b State Assurance of Eligible Entity Linkages to Fill Service Gaps: Describe how the eligible entities will develop linkages to fill identified gaps in the services, through the provision of information, referrals, case management, and follow-up consultations, according to the assurance under Section 676(b)(3)(B) of the CSBG Act. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.3b.

Idaho's CSBG eligible entities work to meet the needs of their communities as identified through community needs assessments. Where CSBG eligible entities identify gaps in services, they work with other service providers and government agencies to leverage limited resources to fill those gaps and avoid duplication of services. They organize and attend meetings and participate in task forces with local service provider groups, and work closely with city, county and state governments to ensure the effectiveness of services to the low-income.

The CSBG eligible entities also keep an updated list of all available resources in their service areas. When a CSBG eligible entity identifies a need that they cannot directly fill, the CSBG eligible entity seeks partnerships to fill that need. For example, in Ada County, Idaho's largest and most populated county, there is a need for case management services for people who are Medicaid ineligible, including those who are disabled, immigrants and refugees. In order to address this need that the local entity cannot meet, they partner with local service providers that may have capacity and provide referrals to clients. Further, the local eligible entity uses their community planning forums to leverage resources to provide case management across multiple partners.

The State assures that entities establish and maintain local linkages through annual assessments and monitoring activities, and encourages entities to share best practices in establishing linkages through opportunities such as statewide conferences and conference calls.

9.4. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Employment and Training Activities: Does the State intend to include CSBG employment and training activities as part of a WIOA Combined State Plan, as allowed under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(5) of the CSBG Act)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.5.

- 9.4a** If the State selected “yes” under item 9.4, provide the CSBG-specific information included in the State’s WIOA Combined Plan. This information includes a description of how the State and the eligible entities will coordinate the provision of employment and training activities through statewide and local WIOA workforce development systems. This information may also include examples of innovative employment and training programs and activities conducted by community action agencies or other neighborhood-based organizations as part of a community antipoverty strategy. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**
- 9.4b.** If the State selected “no” under item 9.4, describe the coordination of employment and training activities, as defined in Section 3 of WIOA, by the State and by eligible entities providing activities through the WIOA system. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

The Department is part of a task force put together by the Idaho Department of Labor to coordinate the delivery of employment and training activities under WIOA. Department representatives (including the program managers for TANF, SNAP, and CSBG) are working with the Idaho Department of Labor in partnering to develop the mandatory one-stops required as part of the state’s workforce investment systems. In addition, the Department and its CSBG eligible entities have linkages with other entities including:

- **Workforce Development Boards**
- **Idaho Department of Labor program**
- **National Farm Workers’ Jobs Program**
- **Vocational Rehabilitation Placement programs**
- **Idaho Department of Education Youth and Adult Programs**
- **Community colleges and public and private universities**

- 9.5. Emergency Energy Crisis Intervention:** Describe how the State will assure, where appropriate, that emergency energy crisis intervention programs under title XXVI (relating to Low-Income Home Energy Assistance) are conducted in each community in the State, as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(6) of the CSBG Act). **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This response will link to the corresponding CSBG assurance, item 14.6.

CSBG eligible entities operate other low-income programs, such as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (including emergency crisis intervention), the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program, and The Emergency Food Assistance Program on behalf of the Department.

In addition to operating the above programs as part of the CSBG eligible entities' regular business operations, each eligible entity develops relationships with local organizations to leverage resources for referrals and partnerships. Existing resources include:

- Project Share
- Project Cares
- Helping Hands
- Keep Kids Warm
- Community/statewide utility company energy assistance programs
- Energy conservation kits

- 9.6. **State Assurance: Faith-based Organizations, Charitable Groups, Community Organizations:** Describe how the State will assure local eligible entities will coordinate and form partnerships with other organizations, including faith-based organizations, charitable groups, and community organizations, according to the State's assurance under Section 676(b)(9) of the CSBG Act. **[Narrative, 2500 characters OR attach a document]**

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.9

CSBG eligible entities take an active role in community partnership and community engagement. Each entity develops relationships with local organizations to coordinate efforts, leverage resources for referrals, and provide services to low-income families and communities. Some of these partnerships are:

- Area Agency on Aging
- Boise State University
- Catholic Charities
- Chambers of Commerce
- College of Southern Idaho
- College of Western Idaho
- District Health Departments
- Head Start
- Housing authorities throughout Idaho
- Human Needs Council
- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Idaho Department of Labor
- The Idaho Foodbank
- Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force

- Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger
- Idaho Legal Aid Services
- Idaho State University
- Local city and county government
- Jannus, Inc.
- University of Idaho
- Veterans Administration

The Department assures that eligible entities coordinate and form partnerships with faith-based organizations, charitable groups, and other community organizations through annual assessments and monitoring activities. The Department encourages entities to share best practices in establishing these partnerships through opportunities such as in-person meetings and conference calls.

9.7 Coordination of Eligible Entity 90 Percent Funds with Public/Private Resources: Describe how the eligible entities will coordinate CSBG 90 percent funds with other public and private resources, according to the assurance under Section 676(b)(3)(C) of the CSBG Act. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

CSBG eligible entities take an active role in community partnership and community engagement. Each eligible entity develops relationships with other public and private resources to address local needs. Eligible entities may also apply for other public or private sources of funding to support delivery of needed services to low-income families and communities.

- AmeriCorps
- Boise State University
- College of Southern Idaho
- College of Western Idaho
- Eastern Idaho Technical College
- Housing and Urban Development
- Idaho Credit Union Association
- Idaho State University
- Internal Revenue Service
- Lewis and Clark State College
- Other Health and Human Services offices
- United States Department of Agriculture
- United Way
- University of Idaho
- U.S. Department of Energy
- Wells Fargo Bank
- A number of foundations and private sector sources

The Department assures that eligible entities coordinate with other available public or private resources through annual assessments and monitoring activities. The Department encourages eligible entities to share best practices in coordinating with other public or private resources, or in directly pursuing these resources.

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.3c.

9.8. Coordination among Eligible Entities and State Community Action Association: Describe State activities for supporting coordination among the eligible entities and the State Community Action Association. [Narrative, 2500 Characters]

The Department supports coordination by contracting with the state association to deliver training and technical assistance and some of the administrative functions of the CSBG plan allowable under the CSBG act. Through the State monitoring and assessment process, the Department works closely with the state association to identify training opportunities to optimize resources and improve delivery of programs.

Additionally, the Department has allocated a portion of its discretionary funds to the state association for the development and implementation of a statewide data collection system. Discretionary funds will be made available to both the state association and CSBG eligible entities to promote consistent data gathering and reporting standards. In addition, the state supports Idaho’s participation in The Futures Project with representation by the state association that is charged with representing the needs of Idaho’s CSBG eligible entities’ network.

The State Plan planning process also supports coordination between the Department, state association and CSBG eligible entities. As outlined in Section 3.4a, the Department convenes an annual meeting to bring together all parties to review community needs assessments and CAP plans, discuss best practices in programming at the community level and strategies for maximizing discretionary funding to best serve Idaho’s needs. Other collaborative activities include partnering with the state association to serve on statewide task forces to represent the interests of CSBG eligible entities.

9.9 Communication with Eligible Entities and the State Community Action Association: In the table below, describe the State’s plan for communicating with eligible entities, the State Community Action Association, and other partners under this State Plan. Include communication about annual hearings and legislative hearings, as described under Section 4, CSBG Hearing Requirements.

Communication Plan			
Topic	Expected Frequency	Format (drop down)	Brief Description of “Other”
[Narrative, 2500 characters]	Dropdown Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Daily	Dropdown Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Newsletter	[Narrative, 2500 characters]

Communication Plan			
Topic	Expected Frequency	Format (drop down)	Brief Description of "Other"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Twice-Monthly Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mailing Meetings/Presentation Blog Email Website Social Media Other 	If "Other" is selected in columns 2 and/or 3, describe in this column
OCS Information Memoranda	Other	Email	The State provides the association and eligible entities with all OCS IM's as they are released.
OCS Dear Colleague Letters	Other	Email	The State provides the association and eligible entities with all OCS Dear Colleague Letters as they are released.
State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, CSBG Program Information and Updates	Other	Email	The State provides the association and eligible entities with program information and updates when new information is available.
State and National Training Opportunities	Other	Email	Training opportunities released to states by NASCSP and other federal partners are emailed to the association and eligible entities as they are released.
State and Association Partnership Meeting	Monthly	Meetings/Presentation	
State participation at CSBG Managers meeting	Annual	Meetings/Presentation	
State of Idaho and Association and Eligible Entity network	Other	Meetings/Presentation	Meet every other month. The State and state association exchange communication and provide updates and gather feedback from the network.
Public Hearings	Other	Other	Website, email, newspaper publication. The State will hold a public hearing prior to State Plan submission.
State-level outcomes	Annually	Email	
Legislative hearings	Annually	Email	
Eligible Entity Monitor results	Other	Email	Monitor results will be exchanged with each entity upon completion of the monitor.
ADD a ROW function <i>Note: As many rows that are needed will be able to be added</i>			

9.10. Feedback to Eligible Entities and State Community Action Association: Describe how the State will provide feedback to local entities and State Community Action Associations regarding performance on State Accountability Measures. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 5S(iii). The measure indicates feedback should be provided within 60 calendar days of the State getting feedback from OCS.

The Department provides feedback on eligible entity accountability measures through the formal monitor process and annual assessments. In addition, feedback from OCS on statewide performance on State Accountability Measures will be provided to the state association and eligible entities via email within 60 calendar days of the date OCS feedback is received. This information will be addressed as part of the ongoing training opportunities and during the annual State Plan review.

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question. THIS WILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT THIS YEAR.

9.11. Performance Management Adjustment: How is the State adjusting the Communication plan in this State Plan as compared to past plans? Any adjustment should be based on the State's analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If the State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

The Department has implemented processes to adjust the Communication Plan within this State Plan. Idaho has considered feedback from CSBG Eligible Entities, OCS, public hearings, and other sources and/or the ACSI survey. The Department is invested in implementing the guidance provided from OCS via IM #150 use of the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). Following receipt of the ACSI survey results in 2016 the Department and the state association coordinated review of the survey results and the information was shared with local agencies. In collaboration with the network several activities have resulted in enhancing the existing partnership and furthering the opportunity for planning improvement strategies. The following actions were taken as a result of receiving the feedback: in-person quarterly training and technical assistance meetings were scheduled. This was a transition from a mix of remote support and scheduled in-person support having been provided. In-person database support was identified as valuable in that it provides the agencies opportunity to demonstrate their concerns to the trainer in real time, at their computer versus trying to bridge the gap when communicating the concern over the phone. The Department and state association recognized survey results identified Linkages and Communication efforts requiring improvement. The Department and the state association created a communication flow chart providing a high level overview of the State Plan timeline, comment and public hearing process and exchanged this tool with the local agencies. Local agency CSBG managers meet via webinar monthly. The Department has joined as a participant in these discussions, which has benefited

This version of the MSP is currently under review by OMB, which may result in additional edits.

Idaho's CSBG programming by assisting to enhance program alignment. Additionally, the Department, the state association and the Executive Directors of the local agencies meet quarterly to communicate planning and programmatic strategies.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measures 7Sb; this response may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

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SECTION 10

Monitoring, Corrective Action, and Fiscal Controls

Monitoring of Eligible Entities (Section 678B(a) of the CSBG Act)

- 10.1.** Specify the proposed schedule for planned monitoring visits including: full on-site reviews; on-site reviews of newly designated entities; follow-up reviews – including return visits to entities that failed to meet State goals, standards, and requirements; and other reviews as appropriate.

This is an estimated schedule to assist States in planning. States may indicate “no review” for entities the State does not plan to monitor in the performance period.

For States that have a monitoring approach that does not fit within the table parameters, attach the State’s proposed monitoring schedule.

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(i); this response may pre-populate the State’s annual report form.

[See Attachment 4 - Idaho CSBG Monitoring Schedule](#)

CSBG Eligible Entity	Review Type	Target Date	Date of Last Full Onsite Review (if applicable)	Brief Description of “Other”
Will auto-populate from item 5.1	Dropdown Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full onsite • Newly Designated • Follow-up • Other • No review 	Dropdown Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY1 Q1 • FY1 Q2 • FY1 Q3 • FY1 Q4 • FY2 Q1 • FY2 Q2 • FY2 Q3 • FY2 Q4 	Select a date	[Narrative, 2500 characters] If “Other” is selected in column 2, describe in this column

- 10.2. Monitoring Policies:** Provide a copy of State monitoring policies and procedures by attaching and/or providing a hyperlink. **[Attach a document or add a link]**

[See Attachment #5 – Idaho CSBG Monitoring Process.](#)

- 10.3. Initial Monitoring Reports:** According to the State’s procedures, by how many calendar days must the State disseminate initial monitoring reports to local entities? **[Insert a number from 1 – 100]**

15 calendar days

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(ii) and may pre-populate the State’s annual report form.

Corrective Action, Termination and Reduction of Funding and Assurance Requirements (Section 678C of the Act)

- 10.4. Closing Findings:** Are State procedures for addressing eligible entity findings/deficiencies, and the documenting of closure of findings included in the State monitoring protocols attached above?

☒ Yes ☐ No

10.4a. If no, describe State procedures for addressing eligible entity findings/deficiencies, and the documenting of closure of findings. **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

- 10.5. Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs):** How many eligible entities are currently on Quality Improvement Plans? **[Numeric, 3 digits]**

0

Note: The QIP information is associated with State Accountability Measures 4Sc.

- 10.6. Reporting of QIPs:** Describe the State's process for reporting eligible entities on QIPs to the Office of Community Services within 30 calendar days of the State approving a QIP? **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

The State will contact the CSBG liaison via email identifying the entity that is operating under a QIP within 30 calendar days of the State approval of the QIP.

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sa(iii)).

- 10.7. Assurance on Funding Reduction or Termination:** Does the State assure, according to Section 676(b)(8), that "any eligible entity that received CSBG funding the previous fiscal year will not have its funding terminated or reduced below the proportional share of funding the entity received in the previous fiscal year unless, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, the State determines that cause exists for such termination or such reduction, subject to review by the Secretary as provided in Section 678C(b)."

☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance under item 14.8.

Policies on Eligible Entity Designation, De-designation, and Re-designation

- 10.8.** Does the State CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for the designation of new eligible entities?

☒ Yes ☐ No

10.8a. If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation. If no, describe State procedures for the designation of new eligible entities. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Link to CSBG State regulation: <http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/16/0410.pdf>

10.9. Does the State CSBG statute and/or regulations provide for de-designation of eligible entities?

☒ Yes ☐ No

10.9a. If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation. If no, describe State procedures for de-designation of new eligible entities. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Link to CSBG State regulation: <http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/16/0410.pdf>

10.10. Does the State CSBG statute and/or regulations specify a process the State CSBG agency must follow to re-designate an existing eligible entity?

☒ Yes ☐ No

10.10a. If yes, provide the citation(s) of the law and/or regulation. If no, describe State procedures for re-designation of existing eligible entities. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Link to CSBG State regulation: <http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/16/0410.pdf>

Fiscal Controls and Audits and Cooperation Assurance

10.11. Fiscal Controls and Accounting: Describe how the State's fiscal controls and accounting procedures will a) permit preparation of the SF-425 Federal fiscal reports (FFR) and b) permit the tracing of expenditures adequate to ensure funds have been used appropriately under the block grant, as required by Block Grant regulations applicable to CSBG at 45 CFR 96.30(a). **[Narrative, 2500 Characters or attach a document]**

State Internal Fiscal Controls:

Each CSBG budget component is assigned a Program Cost Accounting (PCA) code. When a federal award allocation is received, CSBG program staff meet with Department fiscal personnel to establish PCAs for the new grant award. Expenditures applicable to budget components are coded to the specific PCA. Invoices are coded with the associated PCAs. Monthly reports are prepared to show expenditures to each PCA code. Quarterly budget reviews are completed to assure accuracy of the expenditures.

State Fiscal Controls for eligible entities:

The Department requires all CSBG eligible entities to undergo an independent annual audit, and to provide the Department with the results of each annual audit. The Department also monitors CSBG eligible entities directly to ensure each entity has established appropriate fiscal controls, and that each entity follows the controls they have established.

The Department will conduct the following reviews of CSBG-eligible entities:

1. A full review of each CSBG eligible entity at least once during each 3-year period.

2. A review of each newly designated eligible entity immediately after the completion of the first year in which such eligible entity receives funds through the Community Services Block Grant program.
3. Follow-up reviews to CSBG eligible entities and their programs that fail to meet the goals, standards, and requirements established by the Department.
4. Other reviews as appropriate including reviews of eligible entities with programs that have had other federal, state or local grants (other than assistance provided under this subtitle) terminated for cause.
5. Annual reviews of any subcontracts funded with CSBG dollars

10.12. Single Audit Management Decisions: Describe State procedures for issuing management decisions for eligible entity single audits, as required by Block Grant regulations applicable to CSBG at 45 CFR 75.521. If these procedures are described in the State monitoring protocols attached under item 10.2, indicate the page number. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This information is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sd.

The Department:

- Receives and reviews all subrecipient single audit and catalog findings.
- Records findings on a shared team site.
- Identifies relevant DHW staff responsible for identifying and implementing follow up action needed.
- Reviews and approves all correction action plans required to ensure follow up actions are addressed appropriately.

10.13. Assurance on Federal Investigations: Will the State “permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with Section 678D” of the CSBG Act, as required by the assurance under Section 676(b)(7) of the CSBG Act?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance, item 14.7

If this is the first year filling out the automated State Plan, skip the following question. THIS WILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT THIS YEAR.

10.14. Performance Management Adjustment: How is the State adjusting monitoring procedures in this State Plan as compared to past plans? Any adjustment should be based on the State’s analysis of past performance, and should consider feedback from eligible entities, OCS, and other sources, such as the public hearing. If this State is not making any adjustments, provide further detail. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

The Department supports adjusting monitoring procedures in their State Plan by considering the results of our most recent ACSI survey, feedback received from our CSBG Managers (eligible entities), and via public hearings. If comments are made at public hearings, these are reviewed and incorporated if appropriate. Monitoring is an area that we scored highest in

the ACSI survey. We are always continuing to update our procedures to best serve communities. Additionally, review of Organizational Standards attributes another layer to the monitoring standard. We look at past performance and verify that any items of concern were corrected.

Note: This item is associated with State Accountability Measure 4Sb and may pre-populate the State's annual report form.

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SECTION 11

Eligible Entity Tripartite Board

11.1. Which of the following measures are taken to ensure that the State verifies CSBG Eligible Entities are meeting Tripartite Board requirements under Section 676B of the CSBG Act? **[Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]**

- ☐ Attend Board meetings
- ☒ Review copies of Board meeting minutes
- ☒ Keep register of Board vacancies/composition
- ☐ Other **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

11.2. How often does the State require eligible entities (which are not on TAPs or QIPs) to provide updates (e.g., copies of meeting minutes, vacancy alerts, changes to bylaws, low-income member selection process, etc.) regarding their Tripartite Boards? **[Check all that applies and narrative where applicable]**

- ☐ Annually
- ☐ Semiannually
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☒ Other **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

Eligible entities are to provide Board changes to bylaws, meeting minutes, vacancy alerts, and low-income member selection through regular reporting requirements. Updates may also be provided as part of the annual assessment process.

11.3. Assurance on Eligible Entity Tripartite Board Representation: Describe how the State will carry out the assurance under Section 676(b)(10) of the CSBG Act that the State will require eligible entities to have policies and procedures by which individuals or organizations can petition for adequate representation on an eligible entities' Tripartite Board. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

Note: This response will link with the corresponding assurance, item 14.10.

This requirement is included in the contract requirements for each CSBG eligible entity. The Department will validate compliance through its annual assessment and triennial monitor process.

- 11.4.** Does the State permit public eligible entities to use, as an alternative to a Tripartite Board, “another mechanism specified by the State to assure decision-making and participation by low-income individuals in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs” as allowed under Section 676B(b)(2) of the CSBG Act. ☐ Yes ☒ No

11.4a. If yes, describe the mechanism used by public eligible entities as an alternative to a Tripartite Board. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

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Section 12

Individual and Community Income Eligibility Requirements

12.1. Required Income Eligibility: What is the income eligibility threshold for services in the State?
[Check one item below.]

125% of the HHS poverty line

12.1a. Describe any State policy and/or procedures for income eligibility, such as treatment of income and family/household composition. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters, or attachment]**

State regulations (IDAPA 16.04.10) state that assistance under CSBG is limited to households with countable income at or below one-hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The guidelines are updated annually by the Department and released to eligible entities on July 1 of each year. All earned and unearned income is counted in determining eligibility, unless excluded by rule.

By rule, the following income is excluded when determining CSBG eligibility:

- Benefit payments from Medicare Insurance;
- State cash assistance payments;
- Child care subsidy payments;
- Private loans made to the participant or the household;
- Assets withdrawn from a personal bank account;
- Sale of real property if reinvested within three (3) calendar months;
- Lump sum payment from an IRA;
- Income tax refunds;
- Income from capital gains;
- Infrequent, irregular or unpredictable income from gifts or lottery winning of less than one hundred dollars (\$100);
- Wages or allowances paid to a live-in attendant for care of a disabled person;
- Interest posted to a bank account;
- Monies for educational purposes from the federal Perkins/National Direct Student Loan Program, college work-study programs, state student incentive grants, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, Pell, guaranteed student loans, and supplemental grant funded under Title IV, A-2;
- Monies from the VA-GI Bill for Education;
- Department of Health and Welfare adoption subsidies;
- Compensation to volunteers under the Older American Act or Foster Grandparent Program, including Green Thumb and VISTA volunteers, and the Title V Senior Employment Program;

- Payments made by a third party, non-household member for the household, such as for child care, energy assistance, shelter, food and clothing assistance;
- Value of food stamps or donated food;
- Utility allowance;
- Child support income.

Households may provide documentation of their income, or may self-declare their income. There is no requirement to view, collect or store documentation to verify the household's income. The Idaho CSBG program defines a household as one economic unit. CSBG allows multiple economic units residing at one address. Household eligibility is reassessed on an annual basis.

- 12.2. Income Eligibility for General/Short Term Services:** For services with limited in-take procedures (where individual income verification is not possible or practical), how does the State ensure eligible entities generally verify income eligibility for services? An example of these services is emergency food assistance. **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

For services with limited income intake procedures, the Department allows households to self-declare their income. There is no requirement to view, collect or store documentation to verify the household's income. If the household reports their income to be at or below 125% of FPL, then the household is eligible for CSBG funded services, programs, and initiatives. Eligibility is reassessed on an annual basis.

The Department ensures that CSBG eligible entities verify income eligibility for services through the state monitoring process. As part of the triennial monitor, the Department completes a file review to verify that entities verified income eligibility of households served through CSBG programs.

- 12.3. Community-targeted Services:** For services that provide a community-wide benefit (e.g., development of community assets/facilities, building partnerships with other organizations), how does the State ensure eligible entities' services target and benefit low-income communities? **[Narrative, 2500 Characters]**

The Department requires that any activity or service that provides a community-wide benefit using CSBG funds must occur in neighborhoods or communities that are predominately low-income. CSBG eligible entities will use census or other statistical information to verify this requirement. The Department will ensure that community-wide services are serving predominantly low-income communities through the triennial monitoring and review of the annual report.

SECTION 13

Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System

- 13.1. ROMA Participation:** In which performance measurement system will the State and all eligible entities participate, as required by Section 678E(a) of the CSBG Act and the assurance under Section 676(b)(12) of the CSBG Act? **[Check one]**

Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.12.

- ☒ The Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System
- ☐ Another performance management system that meets the requirements of section 678E(b) of the CSBG Act
- ☐ An alternative system for measuring performance and results

- 13.1a.** If ROMA was selected in item 13.1, attach and/or describe the State's written policies, procedures, or guidance documents on ROMA. **[Attachment and Narrative, 2500 characters]**

[See the CSBG Manual \(Attachment #6\) and a sample Pass-Through Contract \(Attachment #7\).](#)

- 13.1b.** If ROMA was not selected in item 13.1, describe the system the State will use for performance measurement. **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

- 13.2.** Indicate and describe the outcome measures the State will use to measure eligible entity performance in promoting self-sufficiency, family stability, and community revitalization, as required under Section 676(b)(12) of the CSBG Act? **[Check one and Narrative, 2500 characters]**

Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.12.

- ☒ CSBG National Performance Indicators (NPIs)
- ☐ NPIs and others
- ☐ Others

[Idaho currently collects data and generates reporting for the National Performance Indicators \(NPIs\) using a statewide database. In PY 18, Idaho will be collecting data for the National Performance Indicators as required for the CSBG Annual Report \(Modules 3 and 4\) beginning on January 1, 2018. This data will be reported beginning in March 2019. Idaho has an established process to utilize outcome measurement for annual reporting to measure eligible entity performance in activities as required in Section 676\(b\)\(12\) of the CSBG Act. This process includes review of planning numbers and actual outcomes, review of data accuracy and validating reported indicator outcome data.](#)

13.3. How does the State support the eligible entities in using the ROMA system (or alternative performance measurement system)? **[Narrative, 2500 characters or attach a document]**

Note: The activities described under item 13.3 may include activities listed in “Section 8: Training and Technical Assistance.” If so, mention briefly, and/or cross-reference as needed. This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.12.

The Department coordinates with the state association to provide ROMA training and technical assistance. Idaho is in the process of developing a cohort of ROMA Implementers. The state association makes a portion of their Regional Performance Innovation Consortium funding available to eligible entities for ROMA related activities including ROMA training, strategic planning needs assessment development, and ROMA certification support.

13.4. Eligible Entity Use of Data: How is the State validating that the eligible entities are using data to improve service delivery? **[Narrative, 2500 characters or attach a document]**

Note: This response will also link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.12.

The Department validates eligible entity use of data to improve service delivery through the monitoring process. The Department reviews annual NPI data and compares reported NPI outcomes to planned NPI outcomes. The Department also reviews Board minutes and strategic planning documentation to identify how eligible entities use data to improve their service delivery during the annual review of Organizational Standards self-assessments and verification documentation.

Community Action Plans and Needs Assessments

13.5. Describe how the State will secure a Community Action Plan from each eligible entity, as a condition of receipt of CSBG funding by each entity, as required by Section 676(b)(11) of the CSBG Act. **[Narrative, 2500 characters or attach a document]**

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.11.

Idaho’s CSBG eligible entities must complete a Community Action Plan at least once every two years as required through each eligible entity’s CSBG contract. Each eligible entity must use the information gathered through their most recent Community Needs Assessment to complete their Community Action Plan.

As part of the CSBG State Plan planning process, eligible entities are required to submit their completed Community Action Plan to the Department. Prior to releasing CSBG funds to the eligible entities, the Department reviews Community Action Plan submissions and verifies that each eligible entity’s most recent plan is on file.

The Department also ensures that eligible entities are current in their Community Action Plan completion through the annual assessment process and through triennial monitoring.

- 13.6. State Assurance:** Describe how the State will assure that each eligible entity includes a community needs assessment for the community served (which may be coordinated with community needs assessments conducted by other programs) in each entity's Community Action Plan, as required by Section 676(b)(11) of the CSBG Act. **[Narrative, 2500 characters or attach a document]**

Note: this response will link to the corresponding assurance, item 14.11.

Idaho's CSBG eligible entities must complete a Community Needs Assessment at least once every three years as required through each eligible entity's CSBG contract. Each eligible entity must use this Community Needs Assessment to strategize and identify what CSBG services to provide in their community, and how to provide those services effectively. Eligible entities are required to submit their completed Community Needs Assessment to the Department, and must use this information in their strategic planning process and to complete their Community Action Plan.

The Department ensures that eligible entities are current in their Community Needs Assessment completion through the annual assessment process and through triennial monitoring.

SECTION 14

CSBG Programmatic Assurances and Information Narrative (Section 676(b) of the CSBG Act)

14.1 Use of Funds Supporting Local Activities

CSBG Services

14.1a. 676(b)(1)(A): Describe how the State will assure “that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used –

- (A) to support activities that are designed to assist low-income families and individuals, including families and individuals receiving assistance under title IV of the Social Security Act, homeless families and individuals, migrant or seasonal farmworkers, and elderly low-income individuals and families, and a description of how such activities will enable the families and individuals--
 - (i) to remove obstacles and solve problems that block the achievement of self-sufficiency (particularly for families and individuals who are attempting to transition off a State program carried out under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act);
 - (ii) to secure and retain meaningful employment;
 - (iii) to attain an adequate education with particular attention toward improving literacy skills of the low-income families in the community, which may include family literacy initiatives;
 - (iv) to make better use of available income;
 - (v) to obtain and maintain adequate housing and a suitable living environment;
 - (vi) to obtain emergency assistance through loans, grants, or other means to meet immediate and urgent individual and family needs;
 - (vii) to achieve greater participation in the affairs of the communities involved, including the development of public and private grassroots partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, local housing authorities, private foundations, and other public and private partners to –
 - (I) document best practices based on successful grassroots intervention in urban areas, to develop methodologies for widespread replication; and
 - (II) strengthen and improve relationships with local law enforcement agencies, which may include participation in activities such as neighborhood or community policing efforts;

[Narrative, 2500 or attach a document]

The Department monitors the CSBG eligible entities triennially. The monitor process includes a complete review of fiscal processes, CSBG funded programs, expenditures, and NPI's, and assures that eligible entities are using CSBG funding to support the assurances. The Department compares NPIs to planned outcomes and to ensure that the outcomes are

meeting the needs of the community. The Department interviews board members, the Executive Director, and eligible entity program staff to learn how the eligible entity is using CSBG funding to meet the needs of the community.

The Department will also utilize the annual assessment process to ensure CSBG eligible entities are using CSBG funds in support of the assurances and according to each eligible entity's Community Action Plan.

Needs of Youth

14.1b. 676(b)(1)(B) Describe how the State will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used –

- (B) to address the needs of youth in low-income communities through youth development programs that support the primary role of the family, give priority to the prevention of youth problems and crime, and promote increased community coordination and collaboration in meeting the needs of youth, and support development and expansion of innovative community-based youth development programs that have demonstrated success in preventing or reducing youth crime, such as--
 - (i) programs for the establishment of violence-free zones that would involve youth development and intervention models (such as models involving youth mediation, youth mentoring, life skills training, job creation, and entrepreneurship programs); and
 - (ii) after-school child care programs;

[Narrative, 2500 characters OR attach a document]

The Department monitors the CSBG eligible entities triennially. The monitor process includes a complete review of fiscal processes, CSBG funded programs, expenditures, and NPIs, and assures that eligible entities are using CSBG funding to support the assurances. The Department compares NPIs to planned outcomes and to ensure that the outcomes are meeting the needs of the community. The Department interviews board members, the Executive Director, and eligible entity program staff to learn how the eligible entity is using CSBG funding to meet the needs of the community.

The Department will also utilize the annual assessment process to ensure CSBG eligible entities are using CSBG funds in support of the assurances and according to each entity's Community Action Plan.

Coordination of Other Programs

14.1c. 676(b)(1)(C) Describe how the State will assure "that funds made available through grant or allotment will be used –

- (C) to make more effective use of, and to coordinate with, other programs related to the purposes of this subtitle (including State welfare reform efforts)

[Narrative, 2500 characters OR attach a document]

The Department monitors the CSBG eligible entities triennially. The monitor process includes a complete review of fiscal processes, CSBG funded programs, expenditures, and NPIs, and assures that eligible entities are using CSBG funding to support the assurances. The Department compares NPIs to planned outcomes to ensure that the outcomes are meeting the needs of the community. The Department interviews board members, the Executive Director, and eligible entity program staff to learn how the eligible entity is using CSBG funding to meet the needs of the community.

The Department will also utilize the annual assessment process to ensure CSBG eligible entities are using CSBG funds in support of the assurances and according to each eligible entity's Community Action Plan.

State Use of Discretionary Funds

- 14.2 676(b)(2)** Describe "how the State intends to use discretionary funds made available from the remainder of the grant or allotment described in section 675C(b) in accordance with this subtitle, including a description of how the State will support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of this subtitle."

Note: the State describes this assurance under "State Use of Funds: Remainder/Discretionary," items 7.9 and 7.10

[No response; links to items 7.9 and 7.10.]

Eligible Entity Service Delivery, Coordination, and Innovation

- 14.3. 676(b)(3)** "Based on information provided by eligible entities in the State, a description of..."

14.3a. 676(b)(3)(A) Describe "the service delivery system, for services provided or coordinated with funds made available through grants made under 675C(a), targeted to low-income individuals and families in communities within the State;

[Narrative, 2500 characters OR attach a document]

Idaho's seven CSBG eligible entities serve all of Idaho's 44 counties by operating physical offices in most counties, and additional part-time offices or outreach sites when needed. This coverage allows the eligible entities to be closely connected to the communities they serve, and provides access for Idahoans in all areas of the state. Each eligible entity's Community Needs Assessment identifies specific needs in their services area and allows programs to be implemented accordingly.

Eligible entities offer a range of services from short-term services such as emergency food and energy crisis intervention, to long-term services such as job skill attainment and job placement. In addition to family-based services, the eligible entities also provide a variety of different community level interventions (such as the Youth Empowered Summer Camp (YES) which provides fun and education to low-income youth, and the Housing Education and Leasing Partnership (HELP) program which works with housing providers to help families obtain housing).

If there is a service that the eligible entity does not provide, every effort possible is made to provide the client with an appropriate referral to another community resource or partner organization. While CSBG eligible entities cannot meet all needs, each eligible entity partners with providers and businesses in their communities to fill the gaps.

Eligible Entity Linkages – Approach to Filling Service Gaps

- 14.3b. 676(b)(3)(B)** Describe “how linkages will be developed to fill identified gaps in the services, through the provision of information, referrals, case management, and follow-up consultations.”

Note: the State describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, item 9.3b.

[No response; links to 9.3b.]

Coordination of Eligible Entity Allocation 90 Percent Funds with Public/Private Resources

- 14.3c. 676(b)(3)(C)** Describe how funds made available through grants made under 675C(a) will be coordinated with other public and private resources.”

Note: the State describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, item 9.7.

[No response; links to 9.7]

Eligible Entity Innovative Community and Neighborhood Initiatives, Including Fatherhood/Parental Responsibility

- 14.3d. 676(b)(3)(D)** Describe “how the local entity will use the funds [made available under 675C(a)] to support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of this subtitle, which may include fatherhood initiatives and other initiatives with the goal of strengthening families and encouraging parenting.”

Note: The description above is about eligible entity use of 90 percent funds to support these initiatives. States may also support these types of activities at the local level using

State remainder/discretionary funds, allowable under Section 675C(b)(1)(F). In this State Plan, the State indicates funds allocated for these activities under item 7.9(f).

[Narrative, 2500 characters OR attach a document]

Idaho's CSBG eligible entities have always been cultivators of innovation. CSBG allows eligible entities the flexibility to customize their program delivery approach and tailor specific services and services delivery models to their local community.

Examples of innovative programs that will be delivered by the CSBG eligible entities through the 2018 and 2019 plan years include:

South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) - Focus on underemployed community members:

Due to the low unemployment rate in their service territory, South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) will focus employment services toward the underemployed. SCCAP is the primary service provider in the region and is depended upon by partnering organizations to screen and refer participants to services when they are eligible.

The goals of this program are to increase financial resiliency through identification of better job opportunities, increase income through stable employment and decrease the number of underemployed Idahoans in SCCAP's service territory.

The partnerships specific to this effort include the College of Southern Idaho training programs, Commercial Drivers License (CDL) programs, Community Council of Idaho employment programs, Latter Day Saints employment and training programs, the Department of Commerce and Labor and other Workforce Innovative Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs. Participants are also encouraged to enroll with local employment agencies as many of the available manufacturing positions recruit qualified candidates in this manner.

SCCAP is also collaborating with community partners to launch a program named "Magic Valley Successful Beginnings" which assists unemployed and underemployed program participants by providing clothes, information and contacts. SCCAP believes this will encourage program participants to seek and obtain better employment opportunities suited to their skillset. Caseworkers have also been collaborating with the local Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) chapter to engage prospective employees in workforce readiness. This includes enhancing hard and soft skills and providing constructive feedback for all job seekers. This partnership provides access to employment specialists who will connect families and individuals with a recruitment partnership program that will coordinate and create employment opportunities within local businesses. SCCAP will provide family stabilization services while connecting program participants to employment opportunities.

SCCAP will continue to advocate for an increased wage scale in Idaho by educating the community and employers of the obstacles that many Idahoans face which create economic hardship.

SCCAP will track program enrollments, services and outcomes using the statewide database. The data will be analyzed in order to determine program effectiveness and to identify areas of improvement.

Western Idaho Community Action Partnership (WICAP) - Job Training program:

Western Idaho Community Action Partnership's (WICAP) community needs assessment identified that program participants indicated that they lack the appropriate job skills to join the workforce. Through the community assessment, WICAP learned that although their staff were providing referrals to local job skills resources, program participants were not following up with the referral organization(s). One way to address this need was for WICAP to develop a pilot program to focus on individuals who do not have the confidence in their current skillset to access job skills resources in the community.

The goal of the pilot project is to increase access to referral organizations by meeting program participants where they are, or where they perceive to be.

WICAP will be building partnerships with the Idaho Department of Labor offices in their service territory, in addition to other local community partners, to support successful pilot program participants in building their employment skills. WICAP is also improving the referral process by including a contact person, phone number/email address and office address to assist in decreasing the perception of pilot program participants that they are not comfortable in approaching community partners for assistance.

The four primary areas of job skills development WICAP will focus on with pilot program participants are basic computer use, increasing typing skills, resume development and interview dress code. These areas were identified using information gathered for the community needs assessment from program participant survey respondents. In addition to these areas of focus, WICAP will have computers available for use in each center to support pilot program participants in accessing resources that require or encourage online referral.

WICAP will be tracking referrals to community partners throughout the pilot and determining whether pilot project participant access to job skills resources has increased. Tracking of referrals and the result of referrals will be completed in the statewide database.

Eligible Entity Emergency Food and Nutrition Services

- 14.4. 676(b)(4)** Describe how the State will assure “that eligible entities in the State will provide, on an emergency basis, for the provision of such supplies and services, nutritious foods, and related services, as may be necessary to counteract conditions of starvation and malnutrition among low-income individuals.”

[Narrative, 2500 characters OR attach a document]

In Idaho, four of the CSBG eligible entities also serve as Eligible Recipient Agencies and an additional two serve as Emergency Feeding Organizations under the United States Department of Agriculture Emergency Food and Assistance Program (TEFAP). Through TEFAP, the eligible entities receive and distribute USDA commodities to all of Idaho’s 44 counties. In addition to TEFAP foods, the eligible entities receive private food donations from community members and distribute those donated foods to individuals and families in need. Eligible entities also work with the state’s Feeding America partner, The Idaho Foodbank, to distribute additional donated foods.

State and Eligible Entity Coordination/linkages and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Employment and Training Activities

- 14.5. 676(b)(5)** Describe how the State will assure “that the State and eligible entities in the State will coordinate, and establish linkages between, governmental and other social services programs to assure the effective delivery of such services, and [describe] how the State and the eligible entities will coordinate the provision of employment and training activities, as defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, in the State and in communities with entities providing activities through statewide and local workforce development systems under such Act.”

Note: The State describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3a, 9.4, 9.4a, and 9.4b.

[No response; links to items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3a, 9.4, 9.4a, and 9.4b]

State Coordination/Linkages and Low-income Home Energy Assistance

- 14.6. 676(b)(6)** Provide “an assurance that the State will ensure coordination between antipoverty programs in each community in the State, and ensure, where appropriate, that emergency energy crisis intervention programs under title XXVI (relating to low-income home energy assistance) are conducted in such community.”

Note: The State describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, items 9.2 and 9.5.

[No response; links to 9.2 and 9.5]

Federal Investigations

- 14.7. 676(b)(7)** Provide “an assurance that the State will permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 678D.”

Note: the State addresses this assurance in the Fiscal Controls and Monitoring section, item 10.13.

[No response; links to 10.13]

Funding Reduction or Termination

- 14.8. 676(b)(8)** Provide “an assurance that any eligible entity in the State that received funding in the previous fiscal year through a community services block grant made under this subtitle will not have its funding terminated under this subtitle, or reduced below the proportional share of funding the entity received in the previous fiscal year unless, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, the State determines that cause exists for such termination or such reduction, subject to review by the Secretary as provided in section 678C(b).”

Note: the State addresses this assurance in the Fiscal Controls and Monitoring section, item 10.7.

[No response; links to 10.7]

Coordination with Faith-based Organizations, Charitable Groups, Community Organizations

- 14.9. 676(b)(9)** Describe how the State will assure “that the State and eligible entities in the State will, to the maximum extent possible, coordinate programs with and form partnerships with other organizations serving low-income residents of the communities and members of the groups served by the State, including religious organizations, charitable groups, and community organizations.”

Note: the State describes this assurance in the State Linkages and Communication section, item 9.6.

[No response; links to 9.6]

Eligible Entity Tripartite Board Representation

- 14.10. 676(b)(10)** Describe how “the State will require each eligible entity in the State to establish procedures under which a low-income individual, community organization, or religious organization, or representative of low-income individuals that considers its organization, or low-income individuals, to be inadequately represented on the board (or other mechanism) of the eligible entity to petition for adequate representation.”

Note: the State describes this assurance in the Eligible Entity Tripartite Board section, 11.3

[No response; links to item 11.3]

Eligible Entity Community Action Plans and Community Needs Assessments

- 14.11. 676(b)(11)** Provide “an assurance that the State will secure from each eligible entity in the services block grant made under this subtitle for a program, a community action plan (which shall be submitted to the Secretary, at the request of the Secretary, with the State Plan) that includes a community-needs assessment for the community served, which may be coordinated with community-needs assessments conducted for other programs.”

[No response; links to items 13.5 and 13.6]

State and Eligible Entity Performance Measurement: ROMA or Alternate system

- 14.12. 676(b)(12)** Provide “an assurance that the State and all eligible entities in the State will, not later than fiscal year 2001, participate in the Results Oriented Management and Accountability System, another performance measure system for which the Secretary facilitated development pursuant to section 678E(b), or an alternative system for measuring performance and results that meets the requirements of that section, and [describe] outcome measures to be used to measure eligible entity performance in promoting self-sufficiency, family stability, and community revitalization.”

Note: The State describes this assurance in the ROMA section, items 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, and 13.4.

[No response; links to 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, and 13.4]

Validation for CSBG Eligible Entity Programmatic Narrative Sections

- 14.13. 676(b)(13)** Provide “information describing how the State will carry out the assurances described in this section.”

Note: The State provides information for each of the assurances directly in section 14 or in corresponding items throughout the State Plan, which are included as hyperlinks in section 14.

[No response for this item]

- ☒ By checking this box, the State CSBG authorized official is certifying the assurances set out above.

SECTION 15

Federal Certifications

The box after each certification must be checked by the State CSBG authorized official.

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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15.1 Lobbying

After assurance select a check box:

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645 (a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

- (1) By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.
- (2) The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- (3) For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
- (4) For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
- (5) Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need to be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
- (6) Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
- (7) If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
- (8) Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about - -
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will - -
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of

convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

- (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted - -
 - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code) **[Narrative, 2500 characters]**

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

- (a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
- (b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

[55 FR 21690, 21702, May 25, 1990]

15.2. Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

After assurance select a check box:

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - -

Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- (2) The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- (3) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- (4) The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (5) The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- (6) The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
- (7) The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and

Voluntary Exclusive-Lower Tier Covered Transaction,” provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

- (8) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
- (9) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (10) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - -

Primary Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- (2) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- (3) The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (4) The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- (5) The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- (6) The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- (7) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and

frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

- (8) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (9) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph five of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

15.3. Debarment

After assurance select a check box:

- ☒ By checking this box, the State CSBG authorized official is certifying the assurances set out above.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity by signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.

15.4. Environmental Tobacco Smoke

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